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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AB and AC were filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 30, 2002, for another corresponding U.S. Application S.N. 09/966,389.

Japanese-Language Publications of Documents AD through AG were filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on March 7, 2002, along with concise explanations.

Japanese-Language Publication of Document AF was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2002, along with English abstract.

Documents AA, AI and AJ were first cited in Taiwanese Office Action dated November 13, 2002, for a corresponding Taiwan application of U.S. Application S.N. 10/005,880. A copy of the Office Action along with English translation is also enclosed.

Documents AK and AL were filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 20, 2002, for another corresponding U.S. Application S.N. 09/966,389, along with concise explanations.

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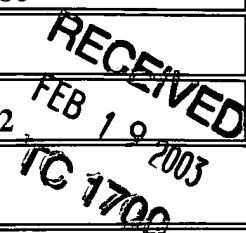
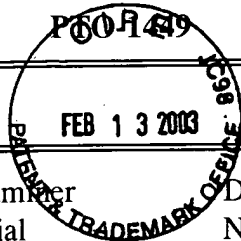
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